ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Union Baptist Church, Crenshaw County, Alabama,

On October 12th, 13th 14th and 15th, 1888.

OFFICERS.

F. C. PLASTER, Moderator. ..... Fort Deposit, Ala.
J. C. FONVILLE, Clerk ..... Mt. Carmel, "
C. C. LLOYD, Treasurer. ..... Greenville, "

The next session meets with the Church at Hickory Grove, Montgomery County, Ala., on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1889.

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MINUTES.

HONORAVILLE, CRENSHAW COUNTY, ALA., Oct. 12, 1888.

The delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association met with Union church.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, F. C. Plaster.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. W. A. Cumbie.

The letters from the churches were read and the names of delegates enrolled.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Rutledge—M. W. Rushton, Wm. Bailey, J. T. Helms.
Siloam—J. M. Hawkins, J. B. Swarner, I. F. Helms.
Damascus—W. C. Avant, J. Phelps, J. Kierce.
Union—J. W. Massey, W. E. Wells, J. G. Thomas.
Chapel Hill—T. T. Dobbs, J. H. Lee, W. H. Rodgers.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Spring Creek—J. A. Stringer, W. A. Cumbie, A. Thornton.
Mountain Hill—J. M. Stephens, S. S. Lowe, R. T. Poole.
Hickory Grove—J. C. Fonville, J. F. Sims, D. S. Hurst.
Macedonia—F. E. May, J. A. Robertson, J. Roper.
New Ebenezer—C. C. Mothershead, B. W. Addison.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Steep Creek—J. W. McQueen, S. A. Satterwhite, W. P. Bullock.
Lowndesboro—G. S. Anderson, R. Meadows, P. N. Cilley.
Hopewell—J. R. Whittle, A. A. Barganier, G. W. Coker.
Hayneville—G. S. Anderson, J. P. Streety.
New Bethel—C. E. Bruner, J. N. Strickland, W. Palmer, Willie Hagood.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Bethel—G. S. Anderson, F. C. Plaster, R. M. Burt, J. Norwood, A. F. Goldsmith, J. J. Pipkin, C. H. Priester, J. E. Bishop.
Indian Creek—F. M. Rogers, M. H. Shanks, E. L. Harrison.
Good Hope—H. P. Watts, J. C. Abbott, R. E. Peagler.
New Smyrna—R. T. Porterfield, D. L. Norman, J. L. Larry.
Antioch—C. C. Lloyd, N. B. Thames, N. F. Perry.

Organization—F. C. Plaster, Moderator; J. C. Fonville, Clerk; C. C. Lloyd, Treasurer.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Clerk read the constitution and rules of decorum.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of Union church.
On Documents—I. F. Helms, W. H. Rodgers, W. T. Hagood.
On State of Religion—Brethren Satterwhite, Priester and Massey.
On Finance—Brethren Childers, Harrison and Sims.
Auditing Committee—Brethren Bullock and Mothershead.
Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Brethren G W. McQueen, Childers, Goldsmith, Lloyd, Burt, Bullock, Anderson, Morgan, Avant, Stringer.
Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—F. C. Plaster.

Brother Anderson represented the State Board, Howard College and Bethel Academy.

Resolution by Brother Cumbie :

Resolved, That we commend to the churches and members of this Association Bethel Academy, a Baptist school of high order, located in our midst, at Fort Deposit, as worthy of their hearty support.

Discussed by brethren Plaster and Cumbie, and adopted.

Adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow.

SATURDAY—9 A. M.

Prayer by Brother Goldsmith.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Moderator appointed committee to nominate an Executive Board : Brethren Bullock, Bishop, I. F. Helms.

Committees to report next year .

On Missions—G S. Anderson, W. C. Avant.
On Bible Cause—G. W. McQueen, C. C. Lloyd.
On Sunday Schools—J. J. Pipkin, T. E. Morgan.
On Religious Literature—A. F. Goldsmith, Childers.
On Temperance—Burt, Lloyd, Sims.

To organize Sunday Schools:

First District, T. T. Dobbs; Second District, W. P. McQueen Third District, J. M.Dickerson; Fourth District, C. H. Priester.

Brother Burt read report on Missions. Discussed by Anderson, Cumbie, Sims, Goldsmith, Plaster and Childers, and adopted.

Brother Anderson read report on Religious Literature. After remarks by Anderson, Goldsmith and McQueen, the report was adopted.

Brother McQueen read report on Sunday Schools. After discussion by McQueen, Cumbie and Anderson, was adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Brother Avant read report on Education. Remarks by Anderson and others, and adopted.

Recognized Brother Hare as representative of the Alabama Baptist.

Recognized Brother W. L. Davis from Zion Association.

Committee on Religious Exercises report, that Brother Hare will address the Sunday School at 10 A. M. Sunday.

Brother Burt, to preach at 11 A. M. Sunday; Brother McQueen to preach at 2 P. M. Sunday; Brother Plaster to preach at 7 P. M. Sunday.

Brother McQueen read report of Executive Board. Pending consideration of report, adjourned till 9 A. M. Monday. Prayer by Brother Kolb.

SUNDAY MORNING—10 O'CLOCK.

Sunday School addresses by brethren Hare and Plaster.

Preaching at 11 A. M. by Eld. R. M. Burt, after which a cash collection of $72.00 was raised.

Preaching at 2 P. M. by Elder G. W. McQueen.

Preaching at 7 P. M. by Elder F. C. Plaster.

MONDAY—9 A. M.

OCTOBER 15.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Brother Burt, resumed consideration of report of Executive Board. Discussed by brethren McQueen, Burt, Cumbie, Goldsmith, Sims and Robertson. Amended and adopted.

Recognized Brethren B. A. Jackson and J. R. McLendon from Montgomery Association.

Adopted Circular Letter.

Adopted Resolution by Brother Cumbie.

Brother Lloyd read report on Temperance. After remarks by brethren Hare and Plaster, the report was adopted.

Brother Helms read report on Documents. Adopted.

To meet with Hickory Grove church next year.

Adopted report on State of Religion.

Finance report adopted.

W. A. Cumbie to preach Introductory Sermon next year; Brother G. S. Anderson to preach the Missionary Sermon.

Resolution by Brother Robertson:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and sisters of Union church, and the citizens of the community, for their cordial hospitality.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Ten dollars of the Minute money given to Executive Board.

Executive Board—G. W. McQueen, A. A. Barganier, W. P. Bullock, J. G. Thomas, J. F. Sims, E. L. Harrison, R. M. Burt and I. F. Helms.

Parting hand given. Prayer by Brother McQueen, and adjourned.

F. C. Plaster, Moderator.

J. C. Fonville, Clerk.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee finds from examination of the church letters, that there has been an increase of eighty-four in the membership of the churches of the Association. We find there are seven Sabbath Schools. We rejoice to find the state of religion in the churches so good.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Priester.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Siloam	$10 00	New Ebenezer	$ 5 00
Damascus	15 00	Steep Creek	65 00
Union	15 00	Hopewell	15 00
Chapel Hill	10 00	New Bethel	5 00
Spring Creek	15 00	Bethel	50 00
Mountain Hill	10 00	Indian Creek	15 00
Hickory Grove	25 00	Good Hope	10 00
Macedonia	15 00	Antioch	10 00

Pledges to assist Brethren Sims, Pipkin and Dickens at Bethel Academy:

F. C. Plaster	$10 00	S. J. Thompson	1 00
G. S. Anderson	10 00	Sister Lloyd	50
W. P. Bullock	5 00	Macedonia church	10 00
J. A. Robertson	5 00	New Smyrna	10 00
W. A. Cumbie	5 00	Hickory Grove	5 00
W. C. Avant	5 00	Good Hope	2 50
G. W. McQueen	10 00	Hayneville	3 00
A. F. Goldsmith	15 00	Hopewell	10 00
J. E. Kolb	5 00	Indian Creek	5 00
C. H. Priester	5 00	Lowndesboro	5 00
R. M. Burt	5 00	Mountain Hill	2 50
S. A. Satterwhite	5 00	Rutledge	5 00
J. A. Stringer	5 00	Union	10 00
		Cash	10 42

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee have considered the letters handed us and find that the church at Hickory Grove has licensed Brother J. F. Sims to preach. The church at Macedonia has ordained Brother J. A. Robertson and Brother J. E. Roper, deacons. The church at Antioch has ordained Brother Frank Perry as deacon. Chapel Hill church ordained Brother T. T. Dobbs, deacon. Hickory Grove, Bethel and Spring Creek, each, invites you to meet with them next year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Helms, Ch'n.

Resolution by W. A. Cumbie:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be continued for another year, and that it is hereby instructed to make the necessary efforts to employ and pay an evangelist and in addition thereto make earnest efforts to raise a fund from which to supplement the salaries of the pastors of certain weak churches in our bounds.

Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee report: That all denominations are giving great attention and importance to education, both literary and ministerial, and that Baptists are, to some extent, more careless and slack in the support of their denominational schools than other denominations.

We urge upon the Association the great necessity of supporting our Baptist Institutions. We recommend to your prayerful consideration Howard College, Judson Female Institute, Marion Military Institute and Bethel Academy. We report a larger number of matriculates of Howard College than on any previous year.

We earnestly recommend to you our brethren T. F. Sims, J. J. Pipkin and W. P. Dickens, men of great moral worth and promise, who will soon enter Bethel Academy for the purpose of storing their minds with literary knowledge before entering wholly upon the work of preaching the precious gospel of the blessed God.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Avant, Ch'n.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to report: That at the last Association there were brethren appointed in the different districts to visit the churches in the interest of Sabbath Schools, but we have no report from the brethren, except Brother Thomas, in the first district, who reports that he has organized a Sunday School in every church in the district, except one. In the letters so far sent up to the Association by the churches, six churches report schools and nine make no report. Your committee believing that the great need, especially of Christians, is a knowledge of God, and as this knowledge comes through an understanding of His Word, would urge again, in connection with the preaching of His Word, that every Christian engage constantly and persistently in the study and impartation of the knowledge they may acquire of His Word to each other, and their children with others that may join them, and there is no better way than engaging in the Sabbath School.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. McQueen Ch'n.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Immediately after the adjournment of the last Association, according to the expressed wish of the Association, your Executive Board entered into contract with Brother F. C. Plaster, as evangelist for the year just closed, at a salary of five hundred dollars. He immediately entered upon the work and he reports to us that he has visited all the churches of the Association two, three, four and five times. He has also visited Troy, Pine Level, Forrest, Greenville, Georgiana and Damascas church, of Elim Association. He has attended five funerals; officiated at four communion services; assisted in ordination of two

deacons and one minister; made visits, 292; attended services, 250; preached sermons, 220; attended ten protracted meetings, in which there were about 50 conversions and 43 baptisms. He reports that some of the weakest churches hitherto have become the most spiritual and prosperous.

He has been paid during the year	$178 35	
The churches have sent up	205 25	
Cash collection on Sabbath	72 10	—455 70
Balance due evangelist	44 30	

Fraternally submitted,
G. W. McQueen, Ch'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"Every man that striveth for the mastery, is temperate in all things."—1 Cor. 9-25.

Temperance is the scriptural indulgence of natural appetites, and any and all tastes acquired are positively prohibited by the Word of God.

We question whether any individual can be strictly temperate in the use of tobacco, for the reason that to the natural taste it is nauseous and offensive and can only be used in conformity to an unnatural or acquired taste.

You cannot be temperate in stealing. God says: "Thou shalt not steal." Ex. 20:15. Nor can you be temperate in swearing. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Ex. 22:7.

Neither can a person be temperate in the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, because it is yielding to the insidious demands of an unnatural taste. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink." Habukkuk, 2:15. "At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," Prov. 23:32.

We have thus defined temperance as a promise, and while we recognize the fact that there are many evil practices intemperately indulged in to-day, which are heinous and offensive in the sight of God, and prohibited by his Word, we propose to speak mainly of the greatest of all evils, to-wit: The use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

To portray this monster evil in all its hideous colors, would be of course out of the question on this occasion, but we may be allowed to say briefly, that it is socially and politically the greatest evil of the age—the hot bed, the great prolific source, the instigator of almost every phase of practical sin and immorality.

It has wrecked and ruined kingdoms, and states, and nations. It has been the fruitful source of murder, of arson, of rapine and lust. It has not only destroyed the happiness, peace and prosperity of domestic altars, blasting like the poisonous sirocco all hope, and hanging around the broken hearts of fathers and mothers and wives and sisters the dark and murky curtains of gloom and despair; but it has invaded the sanctuary of God itself, and by its deleterious and baneful influences has been the chief cause of most of the troubles that mar the happiness, progress and prosperity of God's people, and the advancement of the Master's cause here on earth.

While this is yet to a great extent painfully true, we feel to thank God and take new courage, in view of the fact that there is a manifest abatement in the march of this scourge of the human family.

A brighter dawn is here, yea, the glorious sun of Temperance reform, is already casting its beams of light and joy all over the civilized world, and God grant to hasten the perfect day, when this hydra-headed monster shall be utterly cast down and destroyed, and peace and joy and temperance and righteousness shall prevail, and reign over all

the earth, to the honor and glory of Him who loved us and gave himself for us.

In conclusion, brethren, we, your committee, would urge upon you, as followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, ye who are "the light of the world," to "touch not, taste not, handle not," but live "soberly, righteously and godly in this present world."

Fraternally yours,

C. C. Lloyd, Ch'n.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

G. S. Anderson	Fort Deposit, Ala.
F. C Plaster	" " "
R. M. Burt	" " "
A. F. Goldsmith	" " "
J. J. Pipkin	" " "
G W. McQueen	Hayneville, Ala,
W. H. Cheatham	Greenville, Ala.
C. C. Lloyd	" "
W. C. Avant	Rutledge, "
T. E. Morgan	Honoraville, "
J. T. Davidson	" "
J. E. Kolb	Rutledge, "
W. A. Cumbie	Runville, "

LICENTIATES.

M. Pruitt	Fort Deposit, Ala.
Louis Bates	" " "
E. Perry	" " "
M. Dickens	" " "
J. F. Sims	Sandy Ridge, "
J. G. Thomas	Honoraville, "

Proposed amendment to Constitution of Alabama Baptist Association :

Article 13. In addition to the delegates authorized by Article 2, each church having ordained ministers in the membership, will be authorized to send such ministers as delegates.

[The churches of the Association will vote upon the Amendment, and report result in their letters.]

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following:

Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of reading religious literature ourselves and of supplying it to our children.

1. Because the public mind is being crowded, surcharged and and surfeited with flood tides of secular literature that flow in streams of darkened and dangerous currents from a godless press. The popular public page of the day is crowded with records of crime that leaves the slime of its moral pollution behind wherever it goes.

2. Error in the garb of religion and in the name of Christ, myriad phased, confusing and dangerous, is crowding the mails and seeking admission into every church and household of the land. Its contamination are seen and felt.

3. The earth around is fraught with the inspiration of progress; society is moved by a dashing and heaving and a confused whirl of elements hitherto unknown. The agencies that foster the institutions which furnish a basis for our civilization and out of which American life

is being crystalized, whether godly or ungodly in their bearing, are being augmented in number and intensified in their force.

We must forestall the baser craving of the public mind for the dangerous literature. We must meet error upon the threshold of church home and heart. We must support and encourage our own agencies that supply food for strength, equipments for service, munitions of war for the struggle, and arms dynamic and keen edged for the battle. The thickening conflict of the world's last battle is upon us. At our own peril we fail in the use of the opportunities and instrumentalities afforded us. We recommend to the patronage of the brethren the Alabama Baptist, Montgomery, Ala., the Home Field and Kind Words Series, Atlanta Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., and for a hymn book, the Baptist Hymnal.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. ANDERSON, Ch'n.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Your committee beg leave to report, that the mission work is everywhere being increased. Active, efficient men seem to be placed at the head of each department of this important enterprise. Dr. H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary, located at Richmond, Va., seems to be pressing the work in foreign fields as it has never been done before. Mexico, South America, Italy, Africa, North, Central and South China, are having the Gospel preached to them by our missionaries.

The great missionary in Cuba, Diaz, who has so often hazarded his life for the cause of Christ, is doing a great work and well deserves the sympathy and prayers of all the lovers of Christianity.

Within the last two and a half years seven hundred have been baptized and they now have nine native preachers, some of whom are men of marked ability, engaged in preaching the glad tidings of salvation to an idolatrous and benighted nation.

STATE MISSION BOARD.

Elder J. M. Frost, President, and Brother W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, are making vigorous and untiring efforts to supply every destitute locality in the State, with the gospel and religious literature, and have succeeded, we think, well in meeting this great felt want in our own beloved State.

Associational Mission Field, under the Supervision of our beloved evangelist, Elder F. C. Plaster, has been greatly blessed as a result of his labors; the spirituality of the churches have been developed and the spirit of liberality has been increased; contribution of the churches especially to pastor, is more than heretofore. But before concluding we would say that there is a want of financial aid which ought not to be overlooked by our churches. Each of these mission fields need help; the contributions as made by the churches have not met the demands. We would recommend the churches of our Association to put forth greater efforts in this direction.

State Mission Board has co-operated during the year with our churches at Hayneville and Lowndesboro, and have thereby rendered efficient help in the material development and spiritual advancement of our cause in these places; therefore, we do hereby express our appreciation of said work performed by the State Board and commend its efforts to the benevolent spirit and prayers of the churches.

Resolved, That we esteem the envelope system for the collection of missionary and church funds to be the most successful tried by us and we commend it to the churches. The envelopes printed for this purpose are furnished free of charge upon application to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala.

R. M. BURT, Ch'n.

CIRCULAR.

Brethren: No question is fraught with issues more vital to our churches than the deaconship. The elements of organic church life are three: (1) Ministry, (2) Deaconship, (3) Membership. The membership are all laborers in the Master's vineyard, each moving in his peculiar sphere and meeting his personal responsibilities. The other two are the ministry of the church, the first composing the spiritual, and the second temporal, ministry. The ministry of the gospel has these two phases. They arise out of the emergencies to be met by the gospel, and are supplied by divine appointment.

The temporal ministry of the church, represented by the deaconship, is a primary factor in the original constitution of the church, and is second only in functional importance to the spiritual ministry represented by bishops or elders. Good deacons are scarcer than elders, and where so proven, are the most honored of men.

The deaconship is well nigh a defunct office; a mere name in the church without authority or duties. The Lord did not so intend it. The entire secular, or temporal side of ministerial labor, belongs to this office. When absorbed by cares, and disordered by the clamors of a suffering and contentious multitude, this office was instituted to emancipate the apostles from this secular ministry that their whole time might be given to the spiritual interests of the people. The deacon, therefore, is the helper of the ministry, having charge of the secular interests of the church. The corps of deacons are the permanent proprietors of the church. The ministry come and go, but they remain. Hence the divinely required qualities of a high order for this office.

The necessities of our churches demand the reinstitution of the functions of this office. The spiritual pressure upon the ministry demands it. The training and leadership of the members demand it. The ministry need to be relieved, and the membership need to be led. In order to accomplish this, let us discover our defects in detail and correct them.

1. The number is usually too small.
2. The corps is not organized.
3. They do not appreciate the importance of the work.
4. They are not taught in duty.

1. The defect in number. Churches, like communities, are made up of varied diversified phases of influence, originating in business and social relations. Each of these phases of influence should be represented on the corps of deacons, so that every element of the church's strength may there be felt, and the corps thus become a representative body. Few churches have less than five such elements, and none less than three, and many of them seven or more.

2. Want of organization is the next defect. In this organization there must be a presiding officer, who should be the pastor, a secretary and treasurer. Regular monthly meetings should be held, in which every phase of the church's temporal interests should be reviewed. The care for the poor, the filling of the pulpit, the enforcement of discipline, the proper administration of the ordinances, the systematic adjustment of the finances, and all plans and methods in church work are subjects to be wisely considered and kept constantly and intelligently before the church. Not supplanting or lauding it over the church, but laboring as its executive head.

3. The third defect is a failure on the part of the deacons to appreciate the importance of the office. So lightly is it esteemed that it is sometimes difficult to hold a meeting for want of time, two hours per month, twenty-four hours per year. Two days of secular business is thus considered of more importance than a whole year's responsibility

in the deaconship. Other business must be attended to, that of the deaconship may. If the ministry so lightly treated the spiritual interests as do the deacons for the most part the temporal, our churches would speedily present a chaos of disorder. That which constitutes the most fruitful source of disorder in the churches is the failure of the temporal ministry. The spiritual ministry may attempt to fill both spheres and bear both burdens, but disorder and failure will be the result.

4. The last defect is in a want of information as to obligation and duty in the deaconship. The difficulty here is partly with the deacon in his failure of effort to inform himself, and partly with the pastor in teaching him the obligations of the Scriptures. The fact should be esteemed by the ministry that the two orders are never rivals; that the deacon is the helper of the preacher, and that the preacher should therefore give him his abiding sympathy and faithful instructions. With the primitive deaconship as in the apostolic churches revived, with the functions of the office properly exercised, our churches would speedily spring into new life. Fraternally,

G. S. Anderson.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.	Associat'l Miss'ns	Vouchers.
			Vch'r	Vch'r	Cash.		
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Antioch					1.25	5.00	
Bethel			21.30	12.30	2.75	42.15	
Chapel Hill					1.50		
Damascus					2.75	3.60	
Good Hope					75	3.00	
Hayneville			3.50	6.75			
Hickory Grove					2.00	25.00	
Hopewell					2.10		
Indian Creek					1.50	4.50	
Lowndesboro			3.00	5.00	1.00		
Macedonia					75	10.00	
New Bethel	1.25	1.00	1.25		75	6.00	
New Ebenezer					1.50	5.00	
New Smyrna					1.50	2.10	
Rutledge		1.95			2.00	10.00	
Steep Creek					3.00	30.50	17.00
Spring Creek					2.00	15.40	
Union	1 00	1.00			2.50	13.40	
Siloam					2.00	7.20	
D S Hurst						9.40	2.00
J M Hawkins						2.00	
J A Robertson						10.00	
Mountain Hill					75		
J F Sims	3.75	3.75					
A J Goldsmith	1.00		1.25			1.00	
G W McQueen	2.50	2.50					
Sabbath Collection						72.10	
Total	$0.50	$10.20	$30 30	$24.05	$32.35	$277.35	$19 00

A. F Childers, Chairman.

Examined and found correct. W. P. Bullock, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR 1888.

	Churches.	County.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Clerk's P. O.	Membership last reported.	Increase by: Baptism.	Increase by: Letter.	Increase by: Restoration	Decrease by: Letter.	Decrease by: Exclusion.	Decrease by: Erasure.	Decrease by: Death.	Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbath.	Prayer Meetings.	Revivals.
1st Dist.	Rutledge	Crenshaw	W. C. Avant.	Wm. Swarner	Rutledge	26	1	....	...	..	....	..	2	26	6	78	1	.....	..
	Siloam	"	J. E. Kolb.	E. Kolb..	Rutledge	78	4	....	4	4	2	..	...	80	....	....	3	.....	1
2d Dist.	Damascus	Butler	W. C. Avant	J. Rhodes	Greenville..	88	6	...	....	4	....	..	1	92	...	....	3	.....	1
	Union	Crenshaw	W. C. Avant	J. W. Holloway	Honoraville	50	14	2	3	....	....	.	...	69	....	35	4	Regular	1
	Chapel Hill	"	T. E. Morgan	W. H. Rodgers	Cook's Stand	18	8	6	1	1	...	..	....	32	6	30	1	"	1
	Spring Creek	"	G. W. McQueen	A. J. McDaniel	Runville	70	....	3	....	1	1	..	1	76	....	....	2	... .	..
	Mountain Hill	"	No Pastor	S. S. Loe	Strata	14	..	....	....	3	....	..	....	15	....	....	3	.....	..
	Hickory Grove	Montgomery	G. W. McQueen	J. C. Fonville	Mt. Carmel	25	....	2	...	....	....	..	....	27		....	3	. . ....	..
	Macedonia	Lowndes	J. J. Pipkin	F. E. May	Fort Deposit	25	....	....	...	2	....	..	....	20	....	..	2	....	..
	New Ebenezer	Crenshaw	W. A. Cumbie	G. R. Vickery	Coleman	46	1	...	1	4	2	..	....	39	....	....	2	.....	1
3d Dist.	Steep Creek	Lowndes	G. W. McQueen	J. M. Dickinson	Morgansville	64	..	....	1	3	1	..	1	60	6	30	1-4	....	..
	Lowndesboro	"	G. S. Anderson	P. N. Cilley	Lowndesboro	10	....	....	...	....		..	....	10	.	...	1	.....	..
	Hopewell	"	. .	..	Mt. Willing	132	...	....	....	....	....	..	....	132	3	35	1	... .	..
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